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SUBJECT: SETTLEMENT OF SOVIET IMMIGRANTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

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1. JEWISH AGENCY SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF PRESS RELEASE
JUNE 10 ANNOUNCING SETTLEMENTS UNDER AUSPICES SETTLEMENT
DEPARTMENT OF WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION (WZO) BY TWO
GROUPS OF YOUNG SOVIET IMMIGRANTS WITH PROFESSIONAL AND
TECHNICAL BACKGROUNDS.

2. ONE GROUP OF 20-30 MEMBERS IS PLANNING TO ESTABLISH NON-
AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE SETTLEMENT IN GOLAN HEIGHTS. SECOND
GROUP ABOUT SAME SIZE IS PLANNING TO SETTLE REGIONAL CENTER IN
RAFAH JUNCTION AREA TO SERVICE AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENTS BOTH
SETTLEMENTS STILL IN PLANNING STAGE.

3. SPOKESMAN EMPHASIZED SETTLEMENTS NOT RPT NOT SPONSORED
BY JEWISH AGENCY BUT BY WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION WHICH
DOES NOT RECEIVE FUNDS FROM JEWISH AGENCY NOR FROM US OR
CANADIAN SOURCES. WZO RAISES FUNDS THROUGH KEREN HAYESOD,
WHICH IS FUND- RAISING ARM OPERATING IN COUNTRIES
OUTSIDE UNITED STATES. WZO WAS SPLIT OFF FROM JEWISH
AGENCY (WITH WHICH IT HAD BEEN UNITED) IN MAJOR REORGANIZATION
IN 1971: (A) TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MEASURE OF SECURITY OF FUND-
RAISING APPARATUS IN UNITED STATES VIS- A- VIS US TAX LAWS; AND
(B) TO OBVIATE COMPLICATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH REGISTRATION
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OF UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL AS VOLAG WITH AID DUE TO US POLICY
ON NOT PUTTING AID INTO OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY SEES NO REALISTIC WAYS TO ASSURE
THAT SOVIET IMMIGRANTS RECEIVING BENEFITS UNDER US GRANT
FOR TRAVEL, LANGUAGE TRAINING, STUDIES, ETC WILL NOT AT
SOME STAGE BE INVOLVED IN SETTLEMENT PROJECTS IN OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES OR PURCHASE APARTMENTS IN EAST JERUSALEM.
ASIDE FROM SOVIET IMMIGRANTS SETTLING IN EAST JERUSALEM,
EMBASSY CONTINUES TO THINK IT UNLIKELY THAT SIGNIFICANT
NUMBER WILL SETTLE IN OCCUPIED TERRITOTIES (TEL AVIV 2175).
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